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Letter dated 1 July 2005 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present 10 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states as follows:

> "A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (2003 and 2004) are as follows:

Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Central African Republic	335 186.00
Chad	7 238.20
Comoros	734 129.44
Georgia	5 309 231.72
Guinea-Bissau	474 886.00
Liberia	1 126 886.00
Niger	312 052.34
Sao Tome and Principe	577 886.00
Somalia	1 006 186.00
Tajikistan	997 018.84

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